

OWS Archives Working Group Meeting  
01/29/2012

Present: Christine, Dennis (ART), Amy, Anna, Kelly

Notes (via Kelly Haydon):

Tonight's group was small and the conversation relaxed, but productive.  
We

discussed the public forum on February 5th and the general consensus is that we are going to do it "come hell or high water," although the majority of the working group was not there to weigh in. Location is TBA still, but Dennis stressed the importance of giving 4-5 days notice and then sticking with it so the forum can be properly advertised. Thus, if a better location is not found by Tuesday morning, the Forum will be held at 60 Wall Street. If any of you think you can lock down a meeting space that is easy to get to and can support maybe 40 people, go for it.

Also discussed was the agenda and how to facilitate the forum. I created my

new favorite thing, an OccupyEverything Etherpad (why is this not everybody's new favorite thing? Have I become one of those people excited by mundane things because I have no life?). Everybody should vomit

their ideas, questions, or drawings of unicorns rushing out of the ocean: <http://notes.occupyeverything.info/p/ArchivesPublicForum>. This is total ad hoc, free for all, no holds barred canvassing, do it!

Anna and I reported back on the Activist Archivist (mostly Metadataish) and

Eyebeam meetings. Dennis and ART are working on some ideas for a donation

drive of archival materials. I mentioned preservation week and all jotted down the potential date. Amy said she is taking a preservation class this semester and may have something to contribute; Dennis will ask the ART Advocacy Committee if they can think of anything to publicly present. He asked if this was only digital preservation or all kinds of preservation - I said all kinds (hope that is okay).

Also, I forgot to ask if anybody had any strong feelings about asking Dennis and ART to participate in the National Call?

And I think that is it for the big stuff unless Anna has something to chime in.

HOWARD: Do you want me to get you on conference call for Forum?

Addendum (via Anna Perricci):

Thanks Kelly,

You covered the working group meeting well.

All I would add is a little info I shared about other digital stuff I have been working on behind the scenes. The Flickr archiving Christine and I are doing using Bulkr (Pro so you can get the data as well as the image) is moving along. Christine has sent dozens of Facebook sites to the Internet Archive as well as some websites (I've sent some to Graham too) over the past couple of weeks. Christine is heavily involved in the movement from direct action to regular attendance at Spokescouncil, so it's great to have her as a Facebook and image curator as well as coordinator for the working group.

I set up a Google group and email account Occupiers can use to share documents with the Archives Working Group (through Google Docs or sending a document as an attachment). We have owsdigitalarchive and owsdigitalarchiveS to allow for typos/confusion. When things get going, I might activate the Google group but there is not much to say over a mailing list right now.

Next week, I am going to send out owsdigitalarch@gmail.com as a place to send files or cc when you email things to a printer. Will also send the file naming convention/suggestions and encourage people to back up their stuff, especially stuff they might not want to share right now because it has personal info in it or for any other reason.

Sending this stuff out to the nycga email addresses might take a little doing so that is where it is resting for now ("it's not dead, it's just sleeping").

*Submitted by Kelly Haydon and Anna Perricci*